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S I R :

This is responsive to the Office Action mailed
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September 28, 2006.

Amendments to the Claims are set forth in the listing of
claims which begins on page 2 of this paper. Claims 1, 7, 12,
18, 23, 26, 30 and 31 are amended, and claims 2-6, 8-11, 13-17,
19-22, 24, 25, 27-29 and 32-36 are maintained.

Remarks begin on page 14 of this paper.